

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

Rock Mills Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Big Spring Church, Randolph County, Ala.,

OCTOBER 10th and 11th, 1899.



OFFICERS.

P. M. GROSS,
H. E. HESTER.

Moderator, State Line, Ga.
Clerk, Omaha, Ala.



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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

—TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.—

1. Call to order. Open by prayer.
2. Appoint committee on preaching.
3. Read statistical letters from churches.
4. The decorum shall be read.
5. Elect officers.

—PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED.—

1. Invite ministering brethren to seat with us.
2. Read petitionary letters for membership.
3. Hear correspondents from other associations.
4. Appoint standing committees.
5. Appoint a brother to preach the introductory sermon.
6. Appoint a brother to preach the missionary sermon.
7. Appoint a brother to lecture on Sabbath schools.
8. Appoint general meetings.
9. Appoint place for next session of the body.
10. Call for queries.
11. Hear report of committees.
12. Appoint correspondents.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Call the roll and mark absentees.
15. Provide for printing minutes.
15. Read and adopt minutes.
17. Adjourn to time and place.

—ORDAINED MINISTERS.—

H. R. Moore, Forresters Chapel, Ala., S. M. Adamson, Level Road,
Ala., W. J. Layton, State Line, Ga., Nathan
O'Neal, State Line, Ga.

—LICENTIATES.—

A. J. Gross, Wedowee, Ala., - - - J. P. Braden, West, Ala

Minutes.

The ministers and delegates composing the twenty-ninth annual session of the Rock Mills Association met with Big Springs church October 10 and 11, 1899

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Layton. Text 21st verse of the 20th chapter of St. John

After recess of one and a half hours met in the house

After singing All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name and prayer by Brother Wm. Davis, the clerk not being present, on motion elected H. E. Hester temporary clerk

On motion appointed the arranging committee for preaching consisting of W. T. Bradley and Charlie Gross, with the delegates from this church

Read statistical letters and enrolled names of delegates as follows:

Big Spring—H. E. Hester, T. J. Camp, A. J. Green

Beulah—C. S. Cox, C. H. Arrington

Macedonia—T. J. Embry, S. E. Watson.

Union Grove—J. E. Satterwhite, J. A. Bennett, C. J. Gross

High Shoals—S. D. Lewis, J. R. Stitt.

Pleasant Grove—

Union Hill— L. M. Harmon, P. P. Bailey

Paron—John H. Kitchens, W. J. Coper.

Rockey Branch—W. T. Bradley, J. W. Fincher, Thomas Fincher

Pleasant Hill—

On motion postponed reading the Decorum.

On motion went into the election of officers. The election resuted:
P. M. Gross, Moderator; H. E. Hester, Clerk.

PERMANENTLY ORGANIZED.

Invited ministering brethren to seats with us.

Called for petitionary letters for membership.

Called for correspondents, and received Rev. I. N. Daniel from Arabacoochee association, and Wm. Davis from the Central Western

On motion Rev. I. N. Daniel is to preach at the church tonight, followed by Rev. N. O'Neal.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow at half past eight o'clock

Rev. I. N. Daniel preached at the church at night from the 5th chapter and 48th verse of St Matthew, followed by Rev. N. O'Neal

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Half past eight o'clock; Prayer by W. H. Wright; proceeded to business

Appointed standing committees as follows:

On temperance—C. H. Arrington

Sunday Schools—J. M. Embry.

Publications—John H. Kitchens

Missions—Thomas Fincher.

Finance—J. E. Satterwhite, Sam Watson, W. J. Cooper.

Deceased Ministers—H. R. Moore, A. J. Brown, J. W. Fincher.

Appointed Rev. N. O'Neal to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of the body. Rev. W. J. Layton to preach the missionary sermon and Rev. H. R. Moore to lecture on Sunday schools.

GENERAL MEETINGS.—The general meeting of the first district will meet with High Shoals church on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1900; second district to be held with Rocky Branch on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1900.

The the next session of this association will convene with Union Grove church, Heard Co., Ga., on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1900.

Called for queries.

Called for reports of standing committees.

On motion deferred the report on missions until two o'clock p. m.

On motion appointed Bro. A. J. Green to report on Sunday Schools at this session and deferred same until half past two p. m.

On motion appointed Bro. H. R. Moore to lecture on Sunday Schools and deferred same until three o'clock p. m.

Called for report on publications.

On motion appointed Bro. S. D. Lewis to report on publications at this session and Bro. T. J. Camp, on temperance.

Adjourned until one o'clock p. m.

After an intermission of ten minutes reassembled in the house. After singing a hymn, Rev. H. R. Moore read part of the 8th chapter of Romans, led in prayer and preached the missionary sermon. Collection \$4.28

At one o'clock p. m., reassembled in the house and proceeded to business

On motion suspended the regular order of business and renewed the call for correspondents, and received W. J. Wiggins, A. N. Jones, and Bird Jones from Central Western Association; W. P. Nichols from East Liberty, and W. H. Wright from Arbachoochee.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MISSIONS.—Salvation is of grace. It is a blessing bestowed upon undeserving creatures. It is a gift, and as such it puts the beneficiary under obligations of gospel blessings, and privileges are committed to his people as a trust. Paul regarded himself as a debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians, both to the wise and unwise. Destitute places in our state need the gospel. The home field is white unto the harvest; the foreign fields teem with perishing millions of heathen that need the gospel. Individuals and churches that do not respond to the call of this great need are false to the trust committed to them by a kind and gracious Heavenly Father. Some of our churches make little or no contribution to missions, others are not doing what might be expected of their ability. In the year 1898 the Rock Mills Association, representing a membership of 921, contributed \$37.02, or 4 cents per head. More than this is expected of the Rock Mills Association. Brethren, awake to the great responsibility that rests on us as a body. Respectfully submitted.

W. J. LAYTON, Chair'n.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We, your committee on Sabbath schools, beg leave to make the following report: We find in some localities that there is much interest being taken, and in others we are sorry to say that the Sabbath school interest is almost dead. We trust it may be reversed in the future.

A. J. GREEN, Chair'n.

TEMPERANCE.—Your committee on temperance beg leave to make the following report: That we have some reason to believe that the evil of intoxication is not so great as has been in the bounds of our Association. Brethren, let us strive to drive this monster evil out of our midst. Brethren, let us be temperate in all things.

T. J. CAMP, Chair'n

PUBLICATIONS.—We, your committee on publications, beg leave to make the following report: We first recommend the reading of the Bible, next the reading of the Alabama Baptist and The Foreign Missions Journal. We know of no better paper for Sunday school than Kind Words.

S. D. LEWIS, Chair'n.

DECEASED MINISTERS.—Your committee on deceased ministers beg leave to make the following report: Since our last session it has pleased the Heavenly Father to remove from the walks of men our beloved Brother, Wm. McCarter, and in submission to his will let us humbly bow.

H. R. MOORE, Chair'n.

FINANCE.—We your committee on finance beg leave to make the following report:

For missions	\$29.27
For minutes	10.00
For clerk	3.25
For A. J. Gross	17.90
Total	60.42

J. E. SATTERWHITE, Chair'n.

On motion suspended the regular order of business and made up Brother A. J. Gross \$2.25 for ministerial education.

Regular order was resumed, and on motion appointed correspondents as follows: East Liberty Association—W. J. Layton; Arbecocche—T. J. Camp; Central Western—W. J. Layton

Articles of Faith.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one.—Corinthians viii, 6. Deuteronomy vi, 4. Matthew xxviii, 19. II Cor. xiii, 14. I John v, 7.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.—II Peter i, 21. II Timothy, iii, 16.

3. We believe the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.—I Peter i, 25. Ephesians i, 4. II Thessalonians i, 13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Roms. iii, 23; v, 12; iii, 10.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature.—Romans v, 6. John iv, 44. Ephesians ii, 15. Phillipiansii, 13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputation of Christ's righteousness.—Roms. v, 1. Galations ii, 16–20.

7. We believe that saints shall preserve in grace and not finally fall away.—II Corinthians xii, 9. Colossians iii, 4. Romans viii, 38, 39.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Christ; and that true believers are the only subjects, and that immersion is the only baptism.—Matthew iii, 5, 6, 13, 16. Acts ii, 37, 38. Acts viii, 38, 39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.—Acts xvii, 31. John v, 28, 29.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.—Matthew xxv, 46.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God, and have been regularly baptized, approved by the church and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery. I Timothy v, 22. Acts vi, 6.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized believers have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.—Acts ii, 42–44. II Corinthians vi, 14. I Corinthians xi, 23–29.



STATISTICAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	CLERK & POSTOFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Membership.	Preach'g Sabbath	S. S. SUPT. & P. O.	S. S. Pupils.	Offic'rs & Tchrs.
Union Grove.	I. N. Daniel.	R. W. O'Neal, State Line, Ga.	13	..	..	..	2	..	47	4	..	..	..
Union Hill.	C. W. Holloway	T. T. Kilgore, Roanoke, Ala.	1	..	..	..	1	..	35	1	..	..	..
Pleasant Hill.	J. B. Strickland	J. P. Braden, West, Ala.	1	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..
Pleasant Grove	H. R. Moore.	A. J. Brown, Roanoke, Ala.	..	..	..	..	..	1	29	1	..	..	..
Macedonia.	E. C. Smith	G. W. Watson, Level Road, Ala.	2	..	..	..	..	2	51	2	H. R. Moore.	41	6
Rocky Branch.	W. H. Wright	H. C. Boon, Haywood, Ala.	16	7	5	1	1	..	102	3	..	..	..
Big Spring.	J. B. Strickland	H. E. Hester, Omaha, Ala.	4	4	1	4	2	..	79	4	..	..	..
Beulah.	J. B. Strickland	C. H. Arrington, Mason, Ga.	1	2	1	7	3	..	43	3	..	..	..
Faran.	W. P. Cofield	J. L. Pritchett, Texas, Ga.	19	9	..	..	..	..	108	..	Isham Lewis.	..	..
High Shoals.	W. H. Wright.	J. R. Stitt, Wehadka, Ala.	1	..	..	..	..	2	58	..	..	..	..





